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1 — Volkswagen to Stop Sales of Diesel Cars Involved in Recall, The New York Times, 9/20/2015

<http://nyti.ms/1FaMwtf>

Volkswagen said on Sunday that it would halt sales of cars in the United States equipped with the kind of diesel motors that had led regulators to accuse the German company of illegally installing software to evade standards for reducing smog.

2 — Heinrich Calls For Reforms To Mining Law In Environment And Public Works Hearing On Recent Spill, Los Alamos (NM) Daily Post, 9/20/2015

<http://www.ladailypost.com/content/heinrich-calls-reforms-mining-law-environment-and-public-works-hearing-recent-spill>

U.S. Sen. Martin Heinrich, D-N.M. spoke at a U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works (EPW) oversight hearing Wednesday on the Gold King Mine spill that occurred last month.

3 — Researchers find heavy metals along river after mine spill, Albuquerque Journal, 9/18/2015

<http://www.abqjournal.com/646343/news-around-the-region/researchers-find-heavy-metals-along-river-after-mine-spill.html>

Researchers say they found scattered accumulations of heavy metals along a 60-mile stretch of riverbank in Colorado and New Mexico a month after the Gold King Mine wastewater spill and say that any potential threat to crops and livestock should be studied further.

4 — Clean-water Groups Respond To Ryan Flynn's Congressional Testimony, Los Alamos

(NM) Daily Post, 9/19/15

<http://www.ladailypost.com/content/clean-water-groups-respond-ryan-flynn-congressional-testimony>

New Mexico Environment Secretary Ryan Flynn testified in front of the U.S. House of Representatives Thursday regarding August's Gold King Mine spill in the Animas River, promoting New Mexico's management of natural resources.

5 — Fleming criticizes EPA's double standard, Minden Press-Herald, 9/17/2015

<http://press-herald.com/fleming-criticizes-epas-double-standard/>

Congressman John Fleming, M.D. released the following statement after questioning EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy: "When it comes to cleaning up Camp Minden, or causing the Animas Mine spill in Colorado, EPA plays by a different rulebook than it applies to its victims."

6 — Camp Minden groundwater safety focus of workshop, Minden Press-Herald, 9/16/2015

<http://press-herald.com/camp-minden-groundwater-safety-focus-of-workshop/>

The Environmental Protection Agency hosted a community workshop and open house Thursday to present data to the public regarding Camp Minden's groundwater and give history of the site.

7 — UT regent "fracking" for natural gas in wetlands area, San Antonio Express-News, 9/19/2015

<http://www.expressnews.com/news/local/article/UT-regent-fracking-for-natural-gas-in-6516781.php>

Wallace Hall steers his four-wheeler through thick mud below a canopy of cedar elm and black walnut trees. Hall, an outspoken University of Texas regent, stops at a gas drilling pad, one of a handful within his wetland preserve, known as a "mitigation bank."

8 — Oil Regulators Shut Down Two Disposal Wells After Earthquakes Near Cushing, NPR StateImpact, 9/18/2015

<https://stateimpact.npr.org/oklahoma/2015/09/18/oil-regulators-shut-down-two-disposal-wells-after-earthquakes-near-cushing/>

State oil and gas authorities on Friday limited activity at five disposal wells after a string of earthquakes recorded near the city of Cushing.

9 — What's the OCC's regulatory role?, Enid (OK) News, 9/17/2015

http://www.enidnews.com/news/earthquakes/what-s-the-occ-s-regulatory-role/article_fe2beb9e-5f50-11e5-a30c-7bb79caf1cbf.html

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission's role is to regulate various industries, from trucks, to cotton gins to oil and gas wells.

10 — Community organizers call for more action on Donna lake, KGBT, 9/19/2015

<http://www.valleycentral.com/news/story.aspx?id=1247224#.VgANqhFVhHw>

Members of a community organization known as ARISE call on city and county leaders to do more to prevent others from eating potentially contaminated fish from the Donna lake.

11 — Tech Advances Have “Changed the Way We Will Respond”, Texas Tribune, 9/18/2015

<http://apps.texastribune.org/road-from-rita/better-technology/>

The memory of a Kelly Air Force Base hallway covered with multicolored Post-It notes and scraps of paper in September 2005 still resonates with Nim Kidd, who was then a district fire chief in San Antonio.

12 — EPA ruling changes teaching plan, Tulsa World, 9/21/2015

http://www.tulsaworld.com/business/tulsabusiness/business_news/energy/epa-ruling-changes-teaching-plan/article_4b5ed2a3-553d-5c48-a9cf-dc4a989ec9ff.html

It's one thing to be prepared to teach environmental law to incoming University of Tulsa College of Law students.

It's still another to have to do a major revision in those teaching plans just weeks before classes begin.

13 — Feds Set Goal To Cut US Food Waste In Half, KGOU, 9/18/2015

<http://kgou.org/post/feds-set-goal-cut-us-food-waste-half#stream/0>

The Obama administration is challenging America to reduce food waste by half in 15 years. In an announcement Wednesday, officials from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Environmental Protection Agency said they would team up with food retailers, charity groups and local governments to meet that goal.

14 — 17th National Environmental Conference at Tar Creek will cover a broad range of issues, Red Dirt Report, 9/18/2015

<http://www.reddirtreport.com/red-dirt-news/17th-national-environmental-conference-tar-creek-will-cover-broad-range-issues>

Moseley Road, Tinker Air Force Base, The Tenth Street Dump. These are just three of the five EPA Superfund sites in Oklahoma County. Another ten sites are scattered across seven other counties in the state.

15 — How does the Mississippi River impact the Gulf? Research aims to find out, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 9/21/2015

http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2015/09/how_does_the_mississippi_river.html#incart_river

Research funded by a \$300,000 federal grant should shed more light on how the Mississippi River impacts the water quality and wildlife of the Gulf of Mexico.

16 — Extension sought for completing work on False River containment dike, Baton Rouge Advocate, 9/21/2015

<http://theadvocate.com/news/13462795-123/extension-sought-for-completing-work>

As the first phase of restoration efforts in Pointe Coupee Parish's False River nears completion, officials say they're already seeing robust plant growth and a return of the habitats and vegetation most desirable to fish.

